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## Senior COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Day

**BATON ROUGE, Louisiana (01/26/2022)** – The East Baton Rouge Council on Aging, in conjunction with Senator Cleo Fields and the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), is hosting a Senior COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Day on Saturday, January 29, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Louisiana Leadership Institute located at 5763 Hooper Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70811.

Senior centers will transition from drive-thru meal service to an in-person congregate setting on Monday, January 31, 2022. EBRCOA is strongly encouraging seniors to get tested for COVID-19 before reconvening at their respective senior centers for congregate meals. Registration is required using this link: <http://www.orion.healthcare/community>. Any senior needing assistance to register for a COVID-19 test should call (225) 960-1200. Transportation will also be provided by request through the EBRCOA Lotus Rides at (225) 361-0299. A meal will be provided to senior participants, while supplies last.

EBRCOA will have drawings for prizes for participation such as a Magnalite Pot Set, a blender, a television, and an electric fireplace. The senior center with the most participation at the Senior COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Day will receive a celebratory party at their center once the centers resume in-person activities.

“We are still committed to protecting both the seniors of this parish as well as our staff from COVID-19. Everyone must do their part in minimizing the transmission of this horrible virus. I encourage all seniors to get tested for yourself and for your community,” states Chief Executive Officer, Tasha Clark-Amar.

The East Baton Rouge Council on Aging (EBRCOA) is a non-profit organization serving the senior population of East Baton Rouge Parish. Annually, our agency delivers 1,105,820 meals through our “Meals on Wheels” Program and our senior centers and meal sites.

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East Baton Rouge Council on Aging: Supporting Independence ~ Serving Seniors

Since 1973, the East Baton Rouge Council on Aging (EBRCOA), a 501c3 nonprofit supported by philanthropic donations and public funds (federal, state, and local), has served the seniors of East Baton Rouge Parish through a spectrum of nutritional and social services such as the nationally recognized Meals on Wheels program and over a dozen community senior centers throughout the Parish. EBRCOA is charged with discovering and meeting the growing needs of this ever-increasing population. Central to EBRCOA's mission – Supporting Independence and Serving Seniors – is providing high-quality services to seniors, the maintenance of their personal independence, and the enhancement of their storied lives while being good fiduciary stewards of public funds and trust. More information about EBRCOA and its services can be found online at [www.ebrcoa.org](http://www.ebrcoa.org).